



State Revolving Fund Loan Programs Drinking Water, Wastewater, Nonpoint Source

PRELIMINARY DECISION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

**TOWN OF OXFORD
PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT
ADDENDUM #1
SRF # WW 07 09 04 01**

Date: July 6, 2011

Pursuant to IC 4-4-11, the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program has determined that the project described here and in correspondence from the town of Oxford dated May 9, 2011 and June 2, 2011 will have no substantial negative environmental impact. Therefore, the SRF is issuing a preliminary decision of Categorical Exclusion from the requirements of substantive environmental review.

How were environmental issues considered?

The National Environmental Policy Act requires agencies disbursing Federal funds to include environmental factors in the decision making process. A summary of the project is attached for your review. The SRF's preliminary review has found that the proposed project does not require the preparation of either an EA or an EIS.

Why is additional environmental review not required?

Our environmental review has concluded that significant environmental impacts will not result from the proposed action.

How do I submit comments?

Comments can be submitted to:

Max Henschen, Senior Environmental Manager
SRF Programs
317-232-8623; mhensche at ifa.in.gov

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address:	Proposed Sewer Study Preliminary Engineering Report Addendum #1 Town of Oxford 05 South Howard Street P.O. Box 54 Oxford, IN 47971
SRF Project Number:	WW07 09 04 01
Authorized Representative:	Tina Coffman, Town Council President

II. PROJECT LOCATION

The town proposes to conduct a study of the wastewater collection system in Oxford, Benton County, Oak Grove Township.

III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

To meet Combined Sewer Overflow Long Term Control Plan requirements, Oxford must implement collection system improvements. The purpose of the proposed project is to determine those improvements, completing several of the action items that are included in the town's Agreed Order with the Department of Environmental Management.

The wastewater collection system study will include sewer system mapping and database development, flow monitoring, smoke testing, and television inspection. The town will evaluate sewer system improvement alternatives, as well as project phasing and financial impact.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS, AFFORDABILITY AND FUNDING

The estimated project cost is \$60,000. The town will fund the study with the remaining balance in SRF loan WW07 09 04 01, which the town closed on December 2, 2008. \$62,094 remains in that loan. The town will not have to raise rates to implement the project.

V. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES

Implementation of the project will not alter, demolish or remove historic properties. If any visual or audible impacts to historic properties occur, they will be temporary and will not alter the characteristics that qualify such properties for inclusion in or eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places. The SRF's finding pursuant to Section 106 of the Historic Preservation Act is: "no historic properties affected."

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The town published a notice in the Benton Review on June 1, 2011, describing the original project, noting the amount of remaining loan funds and stating the town's intent to use remaining funds for the proposed sewer study.